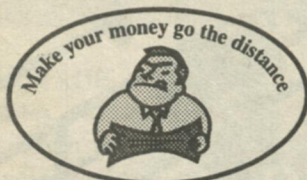


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Faculty may look into new study abroad program

JESSICA BARNES
Editor

An upcoming Academic Policies Committee, or APC, proposal vote may affect where students take classes beginning in Spring of 2000. On Thursday, April 29, the primary proponents for starting an overseas study program in Ireland will know if they can pursue a feasibility study this summer.

Hadley Mitchell, chair of the APC said, "The program would allow students the opportunity to experience life in Ireland for a semester... but right now, we're just deciding whether or not [the team will] get clearance to check it out."

Proposal co-author Vance Maloney, associate professor of psychology/testing, said the program would be through Taylor, rather than the Coalition. Therefore, the entire program will be designed according to Taylor's standards and general education requirements.

According to the proposal, the feasibility study team, if given the go-ahead, will travel to Ireland to "conduct research and assess resources for a program of study." The group would consist of Steve Bedi, director of academic affairs; Beulah Baker, professor of English; Tom Jones,

assistant professor of education; Rebecca Moore, instructor/assistant for the dean of the university; and Maloney.

While in Ireland, the group would evaluate the available library resources, internet access, academic activities, travel and classroom space. The possible Irish director, Irish faculty and Taylor faculty capable of contributing to the program would also be explored.

Developing a student life program that includes chapel services held four days a week, ministry/service opportunities and outside travel are important to Maloney. For that, Irish student life directors and chapel/special speakers would also be needed before piloting the program in 2000.

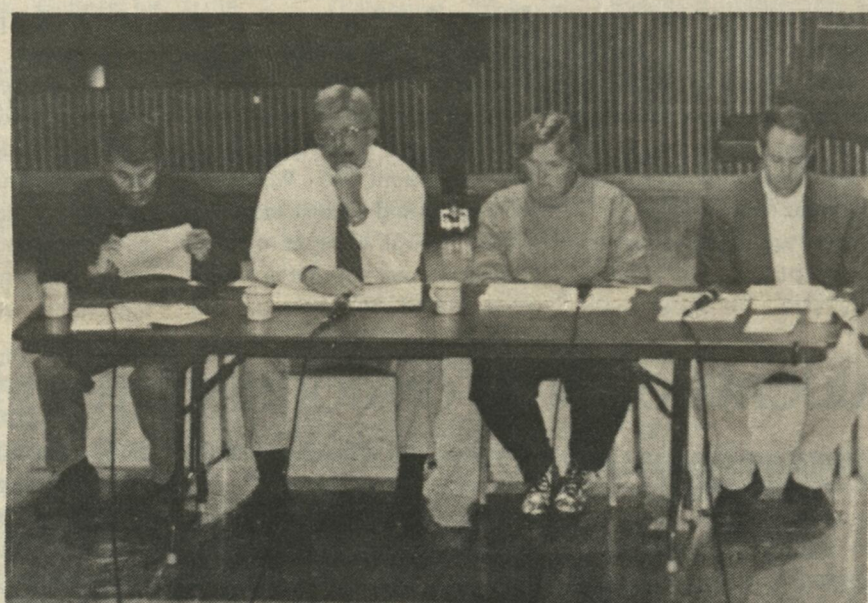
Proposed curriculum courses are studies of Ireland's history of Ireland; Irish literature; political, social and

religious influence of Celtic culture on Western civilization; and a psychology seminar. All of these classes would fulfill general education requirements and must meet Taylor's academic standards. The unique part of the tentative weekly schedule is that Fridays and Saturdays are set aside as academic travel days.

The mission of the Irish Initiative is to be "a study abroad program for college students to learn about and experience the rich history and culture of

Ireland. With an emphasis on the integration of faith and learning, the Initiative seeks to develop an understanding of Ireland and its people through curricular and co-curricular activities."

If the feasibility study is allowed, the group will begin its research in Ireland in August. Then, if the pilot is allowed, 15 students can participate during spring semester of 2000. And if the program itself is adopted, 25 students will be accepted in the following semesters.



ERIC DAVIS/The Echo

Mark Cosgrove, professor of psychology, gives his opening statement during Monday's faculty forum on homosexuality. The forum was standing room only as students packed the recital hall to discuss this controversial issue.

TU maintenance worker dies after short bout with cancer

JESSICA BARNES
Editor

Fifty-nine year old, Charles L. 'Bud' Grissell, a Taylor maintenance worker since June, died in his home on Saturday after a brief battle with cancer. He was diagnosed with multiple kinds of cancer in November.

Born in Jay County and a 1958 graduate of Pennville High School, Grissell moved to Upland in 1972. Here, he married Bettie Dawes, who, along with his mother, brother, three children, two step-children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, now survives him.

A member of Blackford Baptist Temple in Hartford City, Grissell's funeral service was held there at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. He was buried in Jefferson Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 1521 W. Main St., Berne, Ind. 46711.

First campus pastor candidate to visit Taylor this weekend

KENDRA LIGHTFOOT
Associate Editor

Zach Moir is 19 and will be a freshman at Taylor next year. But unlike most incoming freshmen, he hopes to bring his dad, Alex Moir, along... as the new campus pastor.

This Sunday will mark the first visit by one of the three candidates for the position of campus pastor. Moir, pastor of Westview Baptist Church in London, Ontario, will be on campus for three days, meeting with various groups at Taylor.

Moir is a '75 Taylor graduate. After

graduation, he went directly to seminary at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. From there, Moir became the associate pastor at one church, then settled at the church

"I would hope to help facilitate the spiritual maturity of the folks who come under my care."

—Alex Moir

he is now at, which he helped found in 1981. He said, "We held our services in a portable trailer in the middle of a field in a developing community that hadn't yet developed."

Since this time, the church has grown considerably. Moir said,

"We have an average of 300 in attendance, but there are approximately 650

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'99 Youth conference to open with giant head

KENDRA LIGHTFOOT
Associate Editor

"Out of our minds" is the theme for youth conference '99, which starts today with registration from 4-7 p.m. The theme was taken from the verse, "If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God." (II Corinthians 5:13)

The co-directors for this year's youth conference are seniors Brad Bramer and Ada Keesling. Along with them, about 45 students have been working on the details for the weekend.

One member of the cabinet, Kristy O'Neal, who is on the accommodations committee, helps find housing for the high school students. So far, about 230 Taylor students have volunteered to house the conferees.

O'Neal said, "I think that housing someone for youth conference is one of the easiest and most effective ways of ministering to them because you don't have to do much, but they see how you live, and that's a great testimony."

But there are many other students involved, as well. Keesling said, "In some man-

ner, everybody in the student body has been involved. That seems weird, but there may have been little things that people have done that they didn't even realize helped."

Keesling and Bramer, who were discussion group leaders together last year, have decided on a very specific goal for the weekend. Keesling said, "We want the high school students to leave the conference understanding that God is not just something we believe in our heads, but something we apply in our hearts."

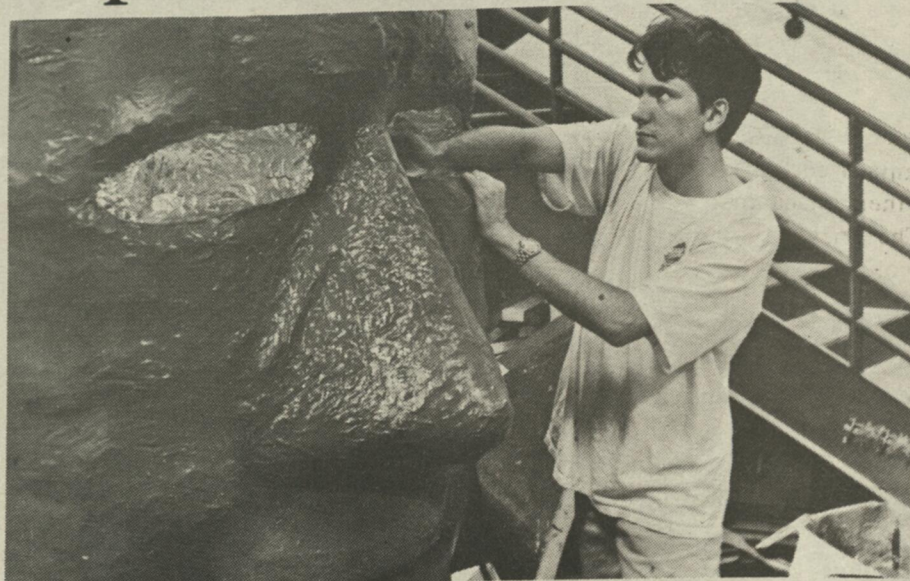
A giant replica of a head that will be used as a part of the opening of the conference is just one way in which this year's youth conference will be different from years past. Also, this year's music staff will not only feature a praise and worship band, but also Keith Conner from Marion, who travels around the country to lead worship.

The speaker for the weekend will be Steve Wingfield, who is the president of Wingfield Ministries and a full-time evangelist. He was brought to youth conference because he is a family friend of Bramer's and has

been very influential in Bramer's life. Wingfield has a wife, Barbara, and two children, Michelle and David, and lives in Mt. Crawford, Virginia. He will speak five times, including once today during chapel. About his style, Keesling said, "He is a wonderful motivational speaker for high school students. He is very enthusiastic and passionate about what he does."

The weekend's concert will feature Nikki Leonti and will be at 9 p.m. in Rediger Auditorium.

The expected attendance for the weekend is between 400 and 500 students. The numbers are somewhat lower than in previous years, but Keesling believes that this is due to two other conferences this weekend, Ichthus and Aquire the Fire.



ERIC DAVIS/The Echo

Junior David Geiger puts finishing touches on the giant head, which is the main set piece for this weekend's youth conference. The conference theme is "Out of our minds."

According to Keesling, Taylor students are a big part of the success of youth conference. She explained that in last year's youth conference evaluations, an overwhelming number of participants said that Taylor students were "what impacted [them] the most."

Keesling added, "We want students here to not see this as a burden, but to see this as a time of fellowship and a time to have fun with these kids."

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in our church family."

Moir and his wife, Linda, have two children, Zach and 15-year-old Tyler.

The campus pastor job has been appealing to Moir for a long time. He said, "Over the years I've thought that the Taylor job would be one that would interest me. It deals with a more specialized role, although I realize that I would also be the pastor for the extended Taylor family. I relate well with students here at my church."

Moir was made aware of the position through Tim Herrmann, director of residence life and associate dean of students, who is a friend.

Helping students live Christ-centered lives is what Moir's goal would be as campus pastor. He said, "I would hope to help facilitate the spiritual maturity of the folks who come under my care."

There are two reasons that Moir feels he will make a good campus pastor. He said, "I think that I am called to be a pastor, and that involves being a person who teaches from the word of God, and that's important." He believes his second strength is in ministering.

The student body will have a chance to hear Moir speak on Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the recital hall. Moir said that he will probably speak on Psalms 1.

Students offered discounts through Book of the Month

MIKE SCHUELER
Campus Editor

The Taylor University bookstore began a new promotional program this month, in an effort to encourage students to read.

The program, officially titled the "Book of the Month," was designed to feature a new book, or books, each month, based on a variety of subject material. The featured books are made available for purchase by the student

body at a 20 percent discount, and according to bookstore manager Dick Ehresman, it "works out to be generally cheaper than retail prices, or comparable, at the very least."

The idea for the bookstore's Book of the Month was initially created by Ehresman and was fleshed out with the help of his assistant manager, Pam Pegg. "We were looking for a way to let people know that we aren't just here to sell textbooks," Ehresman said, "And we want to encourage students to come in and check out what we have to offer."

This month's featured titles, which include *A New Song* by Jan Karon, *Heart Prints* by Sandra Aldrich and Bobby Valentine and *Women of a Generous Spirit* by Lisa Raben, are "geared towards mothers," Pegg said, "since Mother's Day is just around the corner."

Of the three, *A New Song*, the newest of the Mitford series, a popular line of Christian novels, is the only featured work of fiction. According to Pegg, *Heart Prints* deals with "how the small things we do in life have power-

ful effects on the lives of others." She added that *Women of a Generous Spirit's* text "deals with similar issues and is concerned with women who have had a godly influence and been a source of encouragement to others."

Ehresman and Pegg explained that they choose the selections for the Book of the Month largely based on ads from publishers, which "inform us as to the titles of the most popular new releases and bestsellers, so that we make sure we have a good selection picked out."

Taylor's Fort Wayne campus bookstore is also participating in the Book of the Month program and will feature the same books as Upland's campus. This month is unique for both bookstores, however, because April's three featured selections will be held over for the month of May as a special promotion, mainly due to the fact that the program is new.

Yet, not a full month old, the bookstore has already begun receiving requests for future Books of the Month, and Ehresman encourages students and faculty alike to submit more.



ERIC DAVIS/The Echo

Assistant Bookstore Manager Pam Pegg shows one of this month's Books of the Month to Dick Ehresman, bookstore manager. The Book of the Month is a new program which gives customers a 20 percent discount on the selected titles.

WORLD
NEWS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — With NATO missiles striking Belgrade by night and day, the first batch of Apache helicopters touched down in Albania Wednesday as the Western allies intensified their air campaign on Yugoslavia.

The arrival of the long-awaited U.S. anti-tank helicopters represents a significant boost in NATO's capability to destroy tanks and troops of Yugoslav forces blamed for atrocities against Kosovo Albanian civilians. It wasn't known when the helicopters would go into action.

In Brussels, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said the Alliance, bolstered by extra aircraft, is hitting double the number of targets it struck during the first campaign, now entering its fifth week.

Early Wednesday, NATO missiles slammed into a high-rise building which includes offices of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's ruling Socialist Party and eight broadcast stations, one of them owned by Milosevic's daughter. A senior Yugoslav official called the strikes part of a genocidal flying circus penetrated by NATO.

Hours later, NATO launched a daytime strike in the capital area, severely damaging a railway bridge over a few miles west of Belgrade. Air raid sirens sounded again late Wednesday in Belgrade and Serbia's second largest city Novi Sad. Strong explosions could be heard in both cities.

The state news agency in Tanjug reported very strong denotations near the Batajnica military airfield just north of Belgrade, where dense smoke could be seen rising.

NATIONAL
NEWS

LITTLETON, Colorado (AP) — Working around bodies still lying where they had fallen more than a day earlier, bomb squad officers checked lockers and backpacks for booby traps on Wednesday as investigators tried to piece together one of the deadliest school massacres in U.S. history. Hurling bombs and blasting students away with guns, two students in black trenchcoats killed 12 schoolmates and a teacher Tuesday at Columbine High School, most of them in the library. The gunmen, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, then killed themselves.

Officials were trying to determine if others were involved, and they questioned the killers' parents and other members of the boy's dark group of outcasts, the Trenchcoat Mafia.

Parents waited for more than 24 hours after the attack until they received official word of their children's fate. Not until Wednesday afternoon were the first bodies removed. By 7 p.m., the other corpses all had been taken to the coroner's office.

Investigators had left the bodies in place for so long because they needed to check for explosives and record the details of the crime scene, which SWAT members described as something from Dante's Inferno.

Many bodies were sprawled on the floor, slumped in desks or crouched beneath tables, boxes and crucibles where they apparently attempted to hide. Police found a handgun under one of the killers' bodies and a semi-automatic rifle and two sawed-off shotguns elsewhere. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis added that 30 explosive devices had been found at Columbine, in the killers' vehicles and at their homes.

Nine of the victims were male and four were female. District Attorney Dave Thomas said there was no evidence that the killers targeted minorities, as some of the students had claimed. Only one of the 13 victims was black.

STATE
NEWS

INDIANAPOLIS (Chronicle Tribune) — A stalled Democrat proposal to provide \$13 million for school safety programs is getting renewed attention this week after a shooting rampage that left 13 dead in, Littleton Colorado.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon and House Democrats originally budgeted \$13 million for school safety programs, including \$1.5 million to train safety coordinators at each of the state's school districts.

Republicans stripped all but but \$2 million from the school safety proposal when they amended the Democrat budget, sending it to a conference committee for negotiations.

Wednesday, some Republicans said the money was not stripped from the budget. Rather, they said, it could be considered part of the GOP cafeteria-style education block grant plan, which would provide assistance to schools for programs including remedial education, summer school and optional full-day kindergarten.

"We have the safe haven plan incorporated into our cafeteria plan," said Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville. "It would give the schools a choice of where to put their priorities."

O'Bannon, however, chided Republicans for lumping school safety and other programs in with full-day kindergarten, then funding them at \$111 million -- the cost of his full-day kindergarten program alone.

"What that means is you've got to pick and choose whether you have safe schools, or full-day kindergarten or remediation," O'Bannon said during a noon rally at the Statehouse.

Larry Grau, education executive assistant to O'Bannon, said the proposed training for school safety coordinators would include how to recognize and respond to early signs of violence like those that predicted the Colorado tragedy.

There, two ill-affected teens who identified with a group called the Trenchcoat Mafia reportedly threatened violence, including postings on a computer web site, before entering the school and letting loose with guns and pipe bombs on a rampage of hate.

Grau said, "You could set up a hotline to report things like the Trenchcoat Mafia."

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Cutting post-college expenses to be in the black

BRIAN ARMES
Staff Writer

Taking the jump from college to the working world can require the timing and wisdom of a trapeze artist. Carrying the burdens of debts and bills, the life of the college graduate is difficult to successfully finance, and one wrong move can send you falling, perhaps without a safety net.

As I prepare for my college graduation next spring, I am beginning to feel the pressure of financial burdens: school loans, rent, food and entertainment expenses. Not being a financial master myself and valuing the advice and positive examples of others, I asked my big brother for some help in easing my burden as much as possible.

After graduating college in 1996, my brother and sister-in-law moved to Los Angeles and have thriftily lived the past three years "in the black." Having paid off all their college debts this past Christmas, Alan and Debbie are planning a celebratory trip to Hawaii this summer. I wondered how a couple of college grads could pay off their debts so quickly. During a recent visit to Southern California, I observed Alan and Debbie's financial practices, and I am implementing many of them in my life. Here are six of their ideas that both you and I can use to make post-college expenses easier to manage.

1. Cheap Food Is Good Food

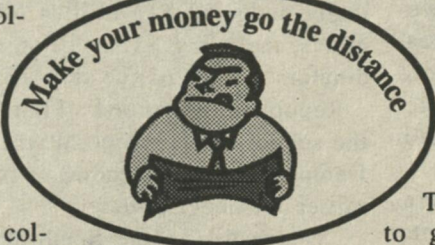
Every Sunday afternoon, Debbie peruses the grocery store ads for sales. Having found the real deals, she buys only those items. By limiting the food you buy to store sales, coupon sales and budget friendly foods (generic and store name labels), you become more creative with staples like potatoes and flour. Have fun with meal ideas by exploring free recipe resources (the library, internet and neighbors). It is surprising how good a fifty-cent meal can taste.

Alan and Debbie also do not make special trips to grocery stores; they wait until they are passing a store to buy their supplies. This cuts down on gas for the car. Speaking of cars...

2. Two Cars Are Twice The Headaches

Most American families own

two or more cars, but two cars mean two gas tanks to fill, two oil changes, two annual inspections or emissions checks, twice the repairs, and greater insurance costs. It's like having twins.



one vehicle. This will take planning if you are married, but imagine the many hours you and your spouse will spend together as you drive between work and home. I know a family with three children who survived with one car, even though two of the children were in high school. They worked with their neighbors, trading rides to work and school events. Don't forget public transportation or even your own two legs. It is surprising how creative you can become when you have no other choice but to make do.

3. Your Neighbor Is Your Friend

Get to know your neighbors because they are an excellent resource for information and

"The Goliath that most post-college Davids must conquer is the college bill."
—Brian Armes

assistance. If they have lived in your community for many years, they may have even more money-saving suggestions. If you have only one car, your neighbors may be the first people to contact about car pooling. Your neighbor may even be the best landscaper in town and will take care of those hedges you never have time to trim. If he charges you, he may even give you a large discount simply because you are his neighbor.

At one point in time, everyone learned about sharing and cooperation. Now is the time to live out those kindergarten lessons. Discuss borrowing terms, share money saving ideas and seek out ways you can work with your neighbors to help each other save money.

4. Penny Savers Save

Dollars

Most communities publish a weekly or monthly newsletter which advertises garage and yard sales. These are excellent locations to pick up some underpriced home furnishings. Growing up, I had the misconception that if someone was getting rid of something, it must be broken. In some cases this is true; however, people get rid of things for several reasons: they are moving, they need a change of decor, they no longer need the item or they have too many of the item.

Through wise, second-hand buying, a living room can be fully furnished for \$200 - \$300, but be cautious; if the sale sounds absolutely too good to be true, it probably is. That ten dollar big-screen television which needs "a little work" might be more than a simple fixer-upper-opportunity.

5. Garbage Can Turn To Gold (or at least some form of money)

All communities pick up trash, and most communities recycle. Recycling has become so important in some places that discounts are offered on trash bills when people recycle. Seek out information about your community's program by contacting neighbors, your local waste management office, newspaper offices or some other information-providing service.

Another old-fashioned idea is to reuse your grocery store bags as trash bags. This seems insignificant, but next time you're in a store, check out the price of a box of Hefty bags!

Alan also gets money back from auto repair shops if he saves the car oil when he changes it at home. Christmas trees can be given to tree recycling services in return for a coupon on next year's tree, or even a little cash for helping the environment. Research

your community to find cash back offers for certain "waste" items.

6. Pay Those College Bills

The Goliath that most post-college Davids must conquer is the college bill. By working through the previous suggestions, you should have opened up your income to pay off those college bills more quickly. Remember, this is a battle against interest. If you are paying 8 percent interest on a \$20,000 debt, that is \$1600 more

per year. Live thriftily so extra income is available for college debts. Your best plan is to put extra income toward the principle as opposed to the interest, because a smaller principle means less interest. If you happen to be married, another bit of advice is to devote one person's whole income to this goal.

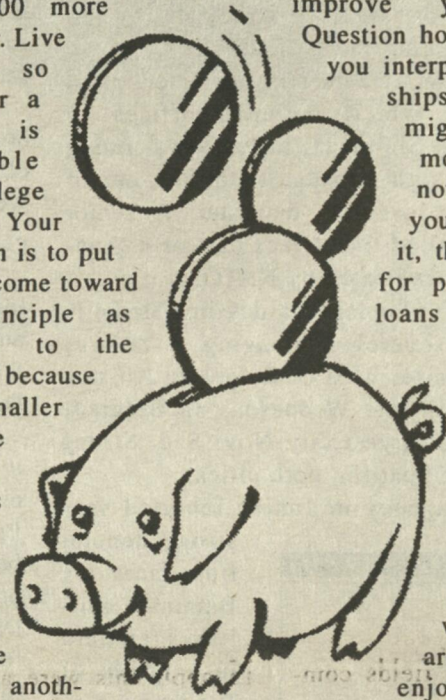
Once you are free from the college bill, do not place yourself right back in the snare. Interest rates run in the upper teens on most major credit cards. That \$300 DVD player may cost you well over \$500 if you pay on the credit card. Always read the fine print, and when possible, avoid credit cards and other "buy

now, pay later" schemes. If you intend on buying an expensive item, contact customer service at the store where you shopping. Most stores have a lay-a-way program with little or no interest.

If there are things which you desperately want or need, save the money for that item. Open a savings account at a local bank and earn interest. During that time of savings, you can question if that item is really necessary or will truly improve your lifestyle.

Question how it will change your interpersonal relationships and what you might do with that money if you do not buy the item. If you can do without it, that is more cash for paying off those loans and speeding your way to a debt-free life.

Like Alan and Debbie, we all want a Hawaiian vacation. But don't worry, Hawaii isn't going anywhere. Vacations are much more enjoyable if you aren't worrying about how you will pay off the next bill. It took my brother and sister-in-law three years to become financially stable so they could enjoy that well-earned vacation. Oh, and be sure you can afford your vacations. Working for fifty-one weeks to pay off one week of vacation is not wise financial planning. Save money, pay off debts and then enjoy your life "in the black."



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Pre-med on campus: competition and dedication

JEREMIE SOLAK
Features Editor

Several years ago a Taylor pre med student was put on a waiting list for medical school. The day before classes began, he was asked to come to fill an opening that had just become available. The student was first in his gross anatomy class, and later the professor of the class asked him how he was overlooked at first. The student said that his MCAT scores were not as high as they should have been.

Many Taylor students come to Taylor dreaming of becoming a doctor. According to pre-med biology advisor Timothy Burkholder, when this year's graduating pre-med majors were freshman, the number in the major was two to three times times larger than it is now. Going into medicine isn't the type of career that is meant for everyone. Some decide to switch fields completely, while others pursue careers in the allied health

fields (such as physical therapists or medical assistants). For those who decide to apply to medical school, the competition is steep.

To combat the competition, Taylor students learn to depend on one another, studying together for both classes and the MCAT. According to pre-med chemistry advisor LeRoy Kroll, it is essential for students to work together, because it is the only way they will make it through medical school.

In the last several years the number of med school applicants has reached its peak of a little over 40,000, with an

acceptance rate around 17 percent, affecting Taylor applicants. Taylor has had 104 of its 181

applicants accepted between 1977 to 1998 (57.5 percent). However, in the last two years acceptance rates have gone down. In 1997 only two of the 15 applicants were accepted, and this year only two of 10 students were accepted to

either med school or veterinarian school. These numbers may be a bit misleading at first, said Burkholder, because only five of the ten pre-med majors actually applied to med or vet school. Some are waiting to apply until after they have worked in a

health related field, while others have decided to work in an allied health field..

Pre-med chemistry major George Wairiuko applied for early admission to Indiana University Medical School and was accepted in September. He has completed his classes and is currently living in Kenya, but will return this summer to begin school. He is one more in the string of pre-med chemistry students who have applied and been accepted to medical school since 1983.

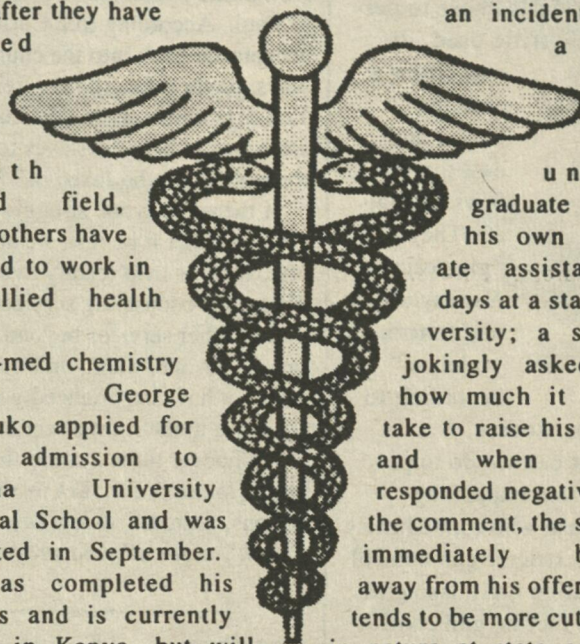
In the last twenty years, 85 percent of pre-med chemistry majors have been accepted, while only 45 percent of pre-med biology majors were accepted. Kroll added that, even though the percentage is higher for pre-med chemistry majors, if you look at their GPAs and MCAT scores, those pre-med biology and pre-med chemistry students that are being admitted have similar credentials.

To climb the hill to med school, students unite both informally and formally, one of those ways being the pre-med club, which meets once a month. Its purpose is to bring in professionals from the health field so that the club members can better know what to expect. Jen Dake is a pre-med biology major and also vice-president of the pre-med club. She said, "We aim to encourage the club members, but we also want them to have a realistic view of med school, post-Taylor."

As schools continue to seek more and more well-rounded applicants, students strive to meet those expectations. Dake, who is also involved in youth conference, says that med schools "want to know that you can talk to the

patients," as well as having a cognitive understanding of medicine.

While competition becomes more intense, some students step outside of ethical limits to increase their chances for entrance. Kroll remembers an incident with



undergraduate during his own graduate assistantship days at a state university; a student jokingly asked him how much it would take to raise his grade, and when Kroll responded negatively to the comment, the student immediately backed away from his offer. Kroll tends to be more cut throat in nature at state schools, where students sabotage each others' projects and hide assignments. But at Taylor, Kroll said "he hasn't been aware of things like that happening." He believes the Taylor students cooperate and help each other through the rigorous program.

Dake said, "I've been impressed with the professors and how much they care." Dake will take classes next semester and plans to apply to med school next fall. She speaks positively of pre-med majors working and studying together, which is also a reason for the pre-med club, "That's the only way to get through."

President of the pre-med club, Angela Stephenson, says that professors will often encourage underclassmen to talk with her and other upper-classmen so that they can understand classes from the students' perspective. She also adds, "If you don't have the drive, you should stop, because it requires so much work."

—Angela Stephenson

dents in the pre-med program want to be doctors because they believe they have the capabilities and the "God-given" ability to "make someone better." She says most students stick with it because they believe they have been called. During her freshman year, when students are often bombarded with the difficulty of entering medical school, Stephenson said she would have liked to have heard "it's going to be difficult, but you can do it."

Burkholder said, "The feedback we get, from those who have gone on to medical school, is that they feel they are better prepared" than many of their non-Taylor peers. He added that Taylor's pre-med students "might be good students, but not stellar students [at Taylor], and they end up leading their classes" in medical school.

As for the future and the recent drop in acceptance rate percentages, Burkholder believes that if the number of applicants to all med schools goes down, acceptance rates will increase. If not, he believe they will probably remain as they have been ever the last few years.

Stephenson, who wasn't accepted to med school this year, will spend her summer studying for the MCAT. Her parents are supporting her so that she will be able to focus on

preparing for the test. Afterwards, she plans to wait a couple of years before reapplying. Currently, she is in the process of setting up employment in the pharmaceutical industry, where she can get a break from studying and acquire work experience important for med school applications. At the same time, she plans to move to a state where there are more slots available in med school than there are in Indiana.

She is determined to accomplish her dream of assisting others with medicine. Stephenson said, "I've wanted to be a doctor since I was in 8th grade."



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On Tuesday captain John Hubbard, a recruiter for the U.S. Navy, spoke to Taylor pre-med students about the opportunities offered in the Navy

Our obligations to youth



The emotions concerning the tragedy that occurred at Columbine high school last

Tuesday

cannot be expressed in words. Students and families of the victims are hurting and confused, while the nation mourns along side them.

After any tragedy, there is a time to

grieve and a time to move on with our lives. However, in this case, we should not grieve and then simply forget about it.

We must discuss this sad occurrence and seek to understand the question in most people's minds . . . why? What would motivate two young high school students to murder their peers?

Many are searching for someone to blame. Is it the parents' fault? Shouldn't the school have recognized the warning signs? Although man can be influenced positively or negatively by his environment, his free will cannot be controlled. The parents were apologetic to the families, stating that it was "senseless." They had no idea that anything of this nature would happen.

Instead of blaming anyone, I believe that the driving force was hatred, motivated by the worst kind evil. Evil consumes those who fall prey to it, making them do horrific and irra-

tional things against their fellow man.

This same kind of evil (although it varies in nature) has been present throughout the centuries: Saddam Hussien, Charles Manson, Adolph Hitler . . . In fact, it was on Hitler's birthday that these individuals chose to perform their horrific deed. It

was Hitler's extreme hatred and evil that the boys emulated. They "glamorized Nazi symbols and terrorist violence," according to

a newspaper source.

So what can we do to prevent this from happening again? Those who immediately cry out for stricter gun control as the solution are missing the point. The fact is, gun control will temporarily prevent something like this from happening, but the problem will not be solved. Why? Because evil cannot be stopped by laws and regulations. There is a spiritual warfare going on in our world today, and the solution must be achieved on a deeper level, however long that may take.

The citizens of America must control what filters in and out of the minds of our youth. Sometimes, as in this case, one cannot stop the mindset of an individual who has chosen by his own will to fall to evil. But each one of us has an obligation to serve and educate the youth and to fight the evil that is waging war against the souls of our nation's future.

—Geoff Hoffmann

"We must discuss this sad occurrence and seek to understand the question in most people's minds . . . why?"

Letters to the Editor



Like many of you, I have personally become more aware of the recently addressed issues of homosexual desires within this campus. Homosexuality is wrong just like any other sin, and Taylor needs to confront any sin that affects this campus, especially when it becomes so vocal and controversial as this one is. While addressing this issue we need to be self-controlled, thoughtful and prayerful so as not to influence the practice of other sins (e.g. hate, gossip, judging, prejudice and pride).

We also need to apply scripture as we discuss sin. Matthew 18:15-20 explains the Christian duty of confrontation. In the following verses (21-35) the Christian duty of forgiveness is explicated. 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 discusses how the church is to deal with sexual immorality. A member of the Corinthian church allows himself to be trapped in his sin and is separated from the church by the order of Paul. According to 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 this individual seems to desire change from a sinful life and acceptance back into the church. We are to forgive, love and accept those changing from their sinful ways, never refusing love, service and help to those who are in sin (which includes all of us). Romans 12:1-2 counsels us as Christians not to conform to this world. We are bombarded by sin daily, but we are never to become slaves to any form of it, letting it control our lives. "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

If there is anyone struggling with any area of their life and desires a change or revival from the trap of sin—whether it be lust, stealing, cheating, promiscuity, anorexia, homosexuality, drinking or something else, there is help readily available. Your PA's, DC's and hall directors are available for you to talk to. There is a counseling service available through the student development office that can help or direct you to other services beyond Taylor's campus. If you desire a student to help you out and cannot find one, I, for one, want you to call me. If you need to talk then do not hesitate to approach me. Although I may not have experienced your struggle, I have worked through sin in my own past and could hopefully help you in the right direction.

"Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). Let us work as a community to strengthen our walk and please God with all of our actions, attitudes, thoughts and relationships. Anything less would be sinful.

Thank you for all your prayers concerning my sister. God is faithful, and all is in His plan.

—James Kutnow



I leave Monday's faculty forum slightly disturbed. I have no question that the heroes of the evening are Ron and his friend, the villain . . . Mike Row. As I begin, let me identify myself as one who has agonized alongside of brothers and sisters struggling with their sexual identity. If experience is the god of today's truth, then I have a right to speak. I fear two points were not heard in the clamor over disturbing facts and figures.

First, on the day homosexuality is granted minority status, Taylor, as we know it, will cease to exist. On that day Taylor will have two options: begin to hire homosexual faculty, staff and pastors while maintaining federal aid; or, refuse to admit homosexual students and to hire homosexual faculty resulting in a loss of all federal financial aid. The ramifications are profound, and either way we lose our school.

Today, if Taylor discriminated in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity we lawfully (and justly) would lose all federal aid (even if it was our religious conviction to discriminate). In the same way, Taylor will lose all financial aid if it chooses to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation after homosexuality gains minority status. This is not an ethical argument for or against homosexual civil rights. I simply want all to understand the ramifications implicit when one supports gay minority status. Our children will live in a very different world and attend a very different Taylor.

Secondly, the American Psychological Association has declared that there are no negative results for children growing up in a gay home. While this is an APA researcher's finding, I simply don't value his/her research. The APA's Psychological Abstracts has also recently reported (July, 98) that, "self reported effects data do not support the assumption of wide scale psychological harm from CSA (Child Sexual Abuse)." In other words, the "research" indicates that pedophilia is not necessarily harmful to children.

My point (revealing my deontological ethic) is simply this: Biblically, homosexual relationships are self destructive. Placing children into a relationship which is based on a self destructive relationship will always result in a negative environment for the child in that household. Biblical parenting is about nurturing and modeling. It is about discipleship. Children are supposed to grow up like their parents. The results of a homosexual home are a harmful environment for children to grow up in.

I am sure I leave most people as frustrated as I was to begin. I do love homosexuals, but encouraging their behavior is not loving them. The future of our nation is in our hands, let us pray for mercy, grace, wisdom, and after Monday night, especially boldness to speak the truth in love.

—Hank Voss Jr.

LETTERS to the editor

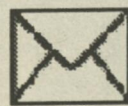
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During the past few months minority issues have come to the forefront for many members in the Taylor community. Chapels, dinner discussions, and much prayer have been focused toward unity in the body of Christ. As part of the ongoing process of shaping Taylor's community, an important meeting related to this topic has been scheduled. At 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26, the Strategic Plan for Addressing Minority Issues will be presented in the Recital Hall (not the Stuart Room as previously listed). All members of the community are invited—and encouraged—to attend this meeting. Several administrators will be present for dialogue following the presentation of the plan. Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear what plans are in place for beginning to address the needs of our campus in this arena.

—Richard Muthiah, Director of Ethnic Student Services and Discipleship

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EdTV

I've recently noticed a peculiar trend in movies today, often times two movies with basically the same premise will come out within months of each other. For example, a couple summers ago we were treated to two movies about crazy mad volcanoes (*Dante's Peak* and *Volcano*), last summer we were lucky enough to witness earth busting meteors from both *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon*, and now we just got our second film about a guy's entire life being shown on live TV.

Sure there are subtle differences, like whether the meteor was the size of Texas or just New York City, but they are just too dang similar and too dang close together to be just mere coincidence. I haven't figured out this suspicious phenomenon quite yet, but I'm fairly sure it has something to do with a vast conspiracy involving Ted Turner, Yasir Arafat and Lunch-Lady Barb. The difference between *The Truman Show* and this week's movie *EdTV* is simply

... McConaughey is on the ball and I hear from the ladies that he is quite the stud muffin" —Vinnie Manganello

that in *Truman*, Jim Carrey doesn't know he is being watched, and in *EdTV*, Matthew McConaughey does.

The flick follows simple-minded video store clerk Ed Pekurny (McConaughey) as his slack-off life is heavily jostled once he agrees to be watched on live television 24 hours a day. The premise is quite original. No, actually not at all, it's just MTV's *Real World* plus *The Truman Show*. Maybe they should have called it *The Treal Worldman Show*.

Beyond that, it's not too bad of a film. I really like McConaughey, and he does a pleasant job of being laid-back and charmingly slackadotious.

At first, the TV audience is bored of Ed's pointless adventures in scratching himself and clipping his toenails, as is the movie audience. Equally unsatisfying is Ed's loud-mouth brother played by Woody

Harrelson—unsatisfying, that is, to the on screen viewers, not to me. Harrelson is actually pretty funny. But when his girlfriend dumps him for younger brother Ed, the interest level goes up, along with *EdTV*'s ratings. The show becomes an overnight success, -and Ed becomes a huge celebrity. Of course, fabulous fame and fortune are too much for a little po-dunk like Ed, and all sorts of growing pains ensue.

The movie is light and sometimes funny (though I think I laugh more during Jay's chapels), and it does bring up at least one significant point (which is thoughtfully dictated to us by one of the actors); that is, people are no longer just famous because they are special, but many people are special solely because they are famous. Fame has become its own virtue. It's a sad, but true commentary that's caused mostly by that evil box of all evil boxes, the TV.

As I said before, McConaughey is on the ball, and I hear from the ladies that he is quite the stud muffin (they obviously haven't met stud supremious Pete Brummund). Likewise, the rest of the cast is enjoyable, but especially TV's own Jenna Elfman. She plays Shari, the emotional sometimes-girlfriend of both brothers and really is endearing in this role. She has a fresh

look, despite her scary Batwing eyebrows, and with her aw, shucks, bubbly personality, she kept me and, I would suspect, quite a few others at least vaguely interested in what was going on for the film's kind-of-long two hours. The cool irony here is that TV made her a star, and now she's in a movie that bashes the very thing that allowed her to get this role in the first place. I don't watch her TV show, and I don't think I'll start now, but I would like to see her in more movies. All in all, the diet cola performances were not quite enough to keep this rehashed and contrived story from seeming, well, rehashed and contrived and, unfortunately, a little junior highish raunchy. I give *EdTV* an average Hamburger. And if you have any knowledge of the conspiracy, let me know.

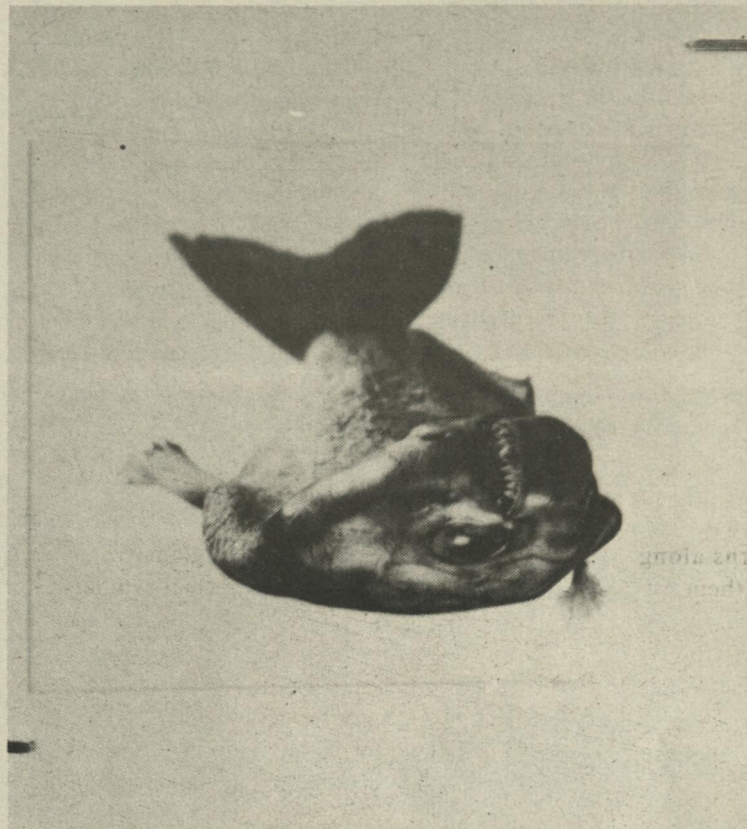
Matt Miller: senior art show

As you walk into the west wing of the Ayres building, you'll notice the flesh-eating stare of a computer generated "Piranha." Senior computer graphics major Matt Miller's show is neat and well-organized. His graphical portfolio is pleasing to the eye. And he uses his initials, MM, to form a gothic, batman-esque emblem.

In "Piranha," Miller metalizes the the colors of the tropical predator, giving it modern technological harshness. Its teeth jut up like nails as its eye stares off crazily into oblivion. The "Piranha" seems to be a symbol for unbridled desire, its appetite seemingly encouraged out of its agitation with the pure, white background, where it hangs in frustration.

Miller's show is comprised of two paintings and several computer graphics pieces and design layouts. His works are unified by the blue and brown coloring—where Miller exhibits a strong eye.

Though I enjoy pieces like "Faucet falls" for their imagination, I would liked to have seen more thematic unity in the show,



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"Piranha," computer generated: by Matt Miller.

focusing his professional design, eye for color and imagination into a more pronounced vision.

An aside to underclassmen computer graphics majors, con-

sider displaying only graphical pieces while incorporating other mediums solely through the portfolio. Let us see your specialty.

—Jeremie Solak

Everybody needs a "me" day

"I wish I had more 'me' days," sighs Allison McCormick as she sags back to her room in hopes of finishing her homework before 2 a.m.

Allison's life is centered around everything but herself. The only thing that lifts her droopy eyes for a second is my suggestion that she have a "me" day, a day where she can get away from all the pressures, stress and friends—do whatever her heart desires. The purpose is to do something that is enjoyable and not a part of the everyday, hectic schedule.

So often we find ourselves wrapped up in homework, jobs, relationships, etc., that we forget to think about ourselves. Paying attention to our own needs isn't a selfish act. In fact, it's very beneficial to ourselves, as well as to others around us.

"When I get stressed out, I tend to take it out on my friends, when really they have done nothing wrong," Kim Shumaker stated. Sometimes that method of taking a step back and counting to ten

doesn't seem long enough. You know that you want a "me" day, but your stressed thoughts are telling you, "You don't have time!" Time is what you make of it. A "me" day doesn't have to be 24 hours. If only a few hours, or even as little as 30 minutes, of relaxation and alone time

"Paying attention to our own needs isn't a selfish act."

—April Rediger

can be spared, then take it! The times when you are extremely stressed out are the times when the "me" days are most beneficial.

So what are some good ideas of things to do on your "me" day? I asked a number of people what they would want to do on their "me" days, and I received some interesting feedback. Junior Missy Domsten smiled largely and said, "I would love to take a really long bubble bath. Then I would rub pretty, smelly cream all over me

just to smell good—even if it was only for myself." Sophomore Dan Bubar, on the other hand, opted against the bath idea, but came up with his ideal of "sitting in the bleachers at Wrigley Field."

The ideas that were shared with me ranged from playing video games, relaxing at a coffee house, shopping, journaling, praying, drawing and pampering yourself, to simply doing absolutely nothing but eating in front of the television. Zach Rupp said that the ultimate "me" day is to "go to Damons and eat a big fat rack of ribs while watching Ohio State football on the big screen."

Having a "me" day should not be an excuse to run away from your problems, but it is a way to better prepare yourself to face them in a calm and mature manner. So next time you find yourself dizzy from life's pressures, take a break from the world and read a book, watch a movie or do whatever you feel like, and treat yourself to your very own "me" day.

—April Rediger

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Baseball, golf teams hold strong MCC standings

GEOFF HOFFMANN

Sports Editor

BASEBALL

Despite losing both games to Marian in a doubleheader yesterday, the Taylor baseball team remains first place in the MCC with a conference record of 14-6.

The team dropped two losses to Marian in a home game yesterday, 3-6, and 10-1 respectively. Previously, on April 19-20, the

Trojans earned four Mid-Central Conference wins in five games.

They split a doubleheader with Huntington College late Monday, winning the opener 6-2 and losing the second game 4-3. Jeremy Roberts then batted 4 for 8 with four RBI's to lead Taylor 3-2 and 8-4. Roberts had a game winning single in the first game.

In the nightcap, Ryan Miller batted 2 for 3 with two runs, two dou-

bles and two RBIs. Ryan Zeeb finished 2 for 3, and Steve VanderWal added a two run single.

Taylor, 18-19 overall, hosts Bethel College tomorrow at 1 p.m.

GOLF

The Taylor golf team finished fifth (311) out of eight teams in the Goshen College MCC match at Black Squirrel golf course on April 21. Marian won the match with a score of 303.

Ben Metzger led the team, scoring a 76 followed by Wes Kent with a 77. Josh Olson and Jeff Hager each shot a 79.

The golf team is currently second in the MCC with a 27-8 record overall. They next play at

Tri-State University today and tomorrow.

SOFTBALL

The Taylor softball team swept MCC foe St. Joseph's College in a doubleheader on Monday.

The team held its opponents scoreless in the first game. In the offensive effort, Lindsey Lund and Mel Mannix scored one run each for the 2-0 win.

The second game was a bit closer, with the final score ending at 5-4. Robin Lockridge went 2-3 at bat and knocked in two runs for the team.

The Lady Trojan softball squad, 14-12 overall and 7-5 MCC, plays tomorrow at Marian college at 1 pm.

TRACK AND FIELD

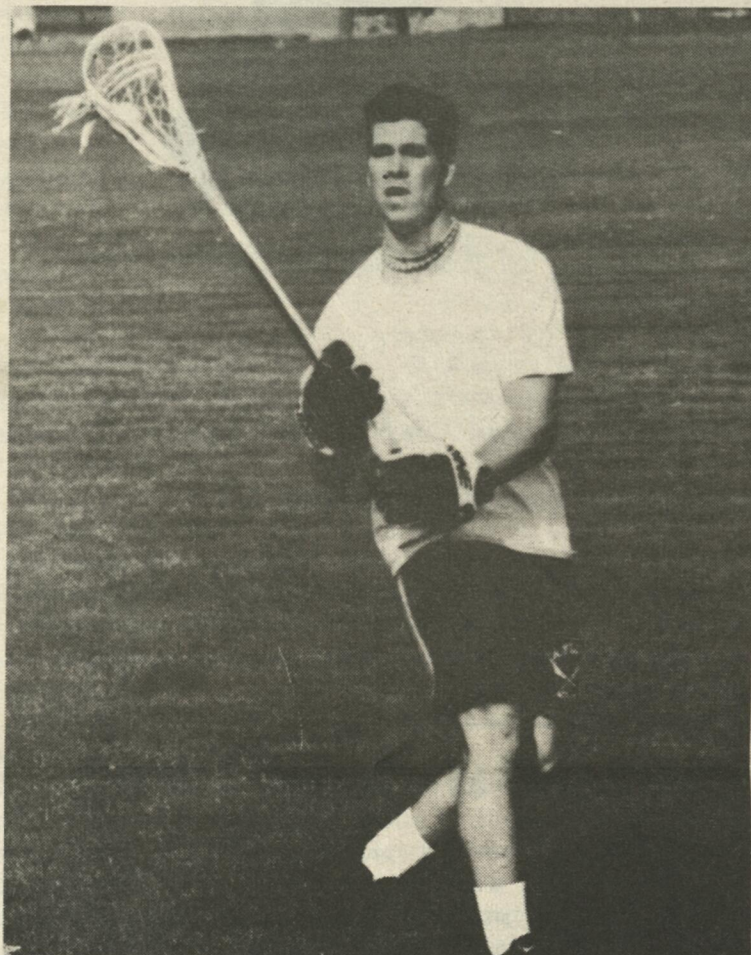
The cloudy weather of the Taylor Invitational last Saturday did not stop Taylor athletes from grabbing first place finishes.

Despite the wind and slight rain, runners on the track enjoyed success. Winners were Darren Youngstrom in the 100 m dash and 110 high hurdles, Sammy Siratei in the 800 m and Tim Hoefflinger in the 3000 m.

In the field, Steve Ercegovac won the discus and the shot put, while Joe Cebulski took first place honors in the high jump.

For the women, winners were Andrea Rea in the shot put, and the team placed first in the 4x100 team.

The team competes at the Earlham Invitational on April 24.



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Sophomore Thomas Roberts takes a shot at the goal during practice for the Taylor lacrosse team yesterday. The team, currently with a 4-2 record, plays this Sunday at Ball State.

A new sport, a new attitude

GEOFF HOFFMANN

Sports Editor

In only its second season in existence, the Taylor Lacrosse team has gained popularity and has seen much improvement from last year.

After finishing its first season 0-4 in 1998, the Taylor Lacrosse team has accomplished a 4-2 record so far this year.

According to captain Nate Bates, who has been playing lacrosse since seventh grade, the team has definitely picked up the pace from last year. More students have come ready to play this year and are serious about the sport. "We have some good new athletes this year that have picked it up real well," Bates said.

Freshman Rob Reiter, who played in high school, enjoys the physical aspect of the sport. "I enjoy hitting guys and also the fast pace of the game," he said. Reiter is one of the four athletes who played the sport prior to college.

Along with a greater interest in playing lacrosse, there has been a rise in the student interest to watch and support the team as well. According to the players, there has been an attendance of over 200 at its games.

Many lacrosse fans find interest in the variety of the sport. "Lacrosse is a mix of sports," stated Bates. "It has hitting like football and hockey, set plays like in basketball and a field similar to soccer . . . lacrosse is

a sport that involves speed and hand-eye coordination," he added.

Although it is now a recognized sport at Taylor, the team is not yet official and is currently a club team. The university provides limited funding, while the athletes pay for equipment and refereeing.

Currently, there is no experience required to play. "Anybody who wants to can play. They just have to be willing to put up the money," Bates said. According to Bates, the cost this year was around \$250 a person.

On Sunday, the team takes on Toledo and Ball State at the Cardinals' campus.

BEN METZGER

Birthplace: Clinton, Iowa

Class: Senior

Family: mother and father, one brother, two sisters

Role Model(s): Ben admires both his father and grandfather equally.

History: Ben began playing competitively at the age of twelve at the country club that his family belongs to. He was Taylor's captain for his first two years and was named a first-team MCC All-Conference selection for three years. Ben also participated in the 1998 NAIA National Championships.

The Sport: Ben loves golf "for all the challenges you face every time you step onto the course. It's an extreme test of your mental strength to hold your focus when things aren't going your way. I also like the peace and quiet when I need it."

Ben has learned the sport involves dedication and self-control. "To excel at golf it takes a lot of time and practice," he says. "I've learned that things aren't always going to go your way, and those times you need to really buckle down and concentrate. It's taught me to control myself, because that's the only thing I can really control out there."

—Geoff Hoffmann



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Jim Wolfe

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Bullets @ Celtics

Bucks @ Hawks

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Knicks @ Heat

Rockets @ Suns

Magic @ Sixers

Sonics @ Jazz

Pacers @ Nets

TIE BREAKER: (score)

T-Wolves @ Blazers



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